



General Meeting

**Friday March 15, 2013
7:30pm**

**Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane Lafayette**

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CLUB AUCTION NEXT MONTH



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KS6M visits K6ORI during
ARRL Field Day 2012
(N4DLA photo)

March 15 Meeting Program: **KS6M: ARRL East Bay Section Amateur Radio Emergency Service... Present and Future**

ARRL East Bay Section Manager, Jim Latham, AF6AQ, recently set his vision for the ARES program in his jurisdiction. ARES would cease to be merely a vague term applied generically to some Amateur Radio communications and groups. It would instead, reflect the intent of the ARRL, its owner, in becoming a program consisting of licensed amateurs with recognized training in disaster management and communications, volunteering under trained volunteer management, supporting specific agencies that serve the public in disasters under written agreements approved by ARRL headquarters and signed by the Section Manager.

To date much progress has been made, and much work still needs to be done.

John Rabold, KS6M, earned his bachelor's degree from Pomona College and his MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management. His professional career related to the management of retirement fund assets, including software and data delivered to professional investment managers. He has lived in the East Bay since 1990 and was first licensed in Amateur Radio in 2006. He is also a volunteer with the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter and with the East Bay Regional Parks District.

- - - John Weldon, KJ6GLQ
Vice President



K6BHC - Silent Key

Brian Heath Campbell

June 24, 1942 - March 1, 2013

Brian Heath Campbell ("B.C."), a retired sergeant with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), passed away on Friday March 1, 2013 at the age of 70 after a battle with cancer.

Sgt. Campbell was a character. He entertained all who knew him with his wonderful stories, movie trivia, and facts on a variety of topics. Brian was born in Los Angeles in 1942 to William and Paula Campbell. In 1956 his family moved to San Jose, where Brian was in the first graduating class at the new Del Mar High School in 1960. While at Del Mar, Brian was active in the California Cadet Corps and became the commanding officer of the Del Mar unit. He was also active in the Civil Air Patrol and, because of his outstanding qualifications, was selected to represent the California Region in the International Cadet Exchange Program in Norway.

After briefly working at Lockheed, Brian began a long career in law enforcement first in Santa Cruz, and in 1968, he became a CCSO deputy. Brian worked a variety of assignments, including the first K9 Unit in the county, coroner's investigator, marine patrol, tech services and transportation, U.S. Naval Weapons Station, civil and detention. He was promoted to sergeant in 1995 and retired in 1999.

Brian also enjoyed many hobbies, including old movies (especially with actor John Wayne), wood working, amateur radio and collecting clocks. He handled many of the repairs and refurbishing of CCSO Marine Patrol boats and created the CCSO 2000 calendar. He also helped with changes to the Deputy Sheriffs Association (DSA) hall in Martinez.

He was a member of the Mount Diablo Radio Club and used his radio to speak with the space shuttle crew during its last mission. He had a keen interest and love of Chelsea Clocks (America's last clock maker) as well as Segways. Brian was a member of the 100 Club, Sheriffs Posse, and Martinez Sportsman Club.

Brian is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Susan; his brothers Larry (Marilyn) of San Jose, Greg (Maryjane) of Washington, daughters Kelli Williams (Michael) of Auburn, Colleen Crowe (Douglas) of Rocklin, Jennifer Lauten (Greg) of Chico, and grandchildren, McKenna Crowe, Jacob Williams and Campbell Crowe, along with many other cousins, nieces, nephews and friends who enjoyed his sense of humor, stories, love of movies, clocks and amateur radio will miss him.

John Wayne once said, "Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway." Thanks for saddling up, B.C. !

In lieu of flowers please send donations to CCC Canine Fund, 1980 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553. All funds will be used for the safety of the dogs in the CCSO Canine Unit or to Kaiser Hospice.

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*K6BHC in 1984
CCSO History Book*

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President's QTC

The year is boldly moving forward at a pace that seems to be logarithmically accelerating. The Club's board and committees have been making all sorts of plans for various activities in the future – and before you know it, the time of the event is here. Almost every night, and many days of the week, I have some ham related activity that is occurring. I certainly am aware that I am not the only one. I monitor our excellent W6CX 2 meter repeater while at work, and I hear about so many of the activities and events that our fellow hams are involved in. Recently, I heard four hams having a rag chew, and saying that they each had three or more events that they should attend going on that very evening at exactly the same time.

We are all quite busy, and I try to stay balanced. I attempt to refer back to “The Amateur's Code” by Paul M. Segal W9EEA and what he said about being balanced: “Radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.” I find that this is a lot easier to do in theory than in practice. Each of us has many masters and a lot of people that depend on us. It is sometimes hard to stay balanced and keep your energy up. Our hobby is a little bit like Mr. Miyagi in the *Karate Kid* saying “wax on, wax off!” It may appear that some of the activities that we do are without real meaning, but that's not true. We are actually training and preparing ourselves to be better operators and practitioners of our craft in the event of a disaster or some other wide spread malady. So, keep up the intensity and keep operating.

The MDARC Technical committee and members of the ATV community have been working very hard to get the ATV repeaters moved to the North Peak of Mount Diablo from the South Peak. This has been a two-year mission. This last weekend, was the designated weekend to get up on North Peak and have our federally certified tower climber Anthony Andrianos KC6KIM install the antenna braces, four antennas and four coaxial runs from the 80 foot level to the vault. The plan was to start loading pre-staged equipment and tools at 0600 hours and leave for the hill at 0700 hours. However, on Friday night, it was determined that the wind was just too gusty on the mountain. Sunday appeared to be a go! Our climber came out from west Marin County and one of our key team members drove in from northeast Lodi. To make it a bit tougher, the clocks sprang forward an hour, so those with one and a half hour drives – never received much sleep. We made our way up the mountain, only to find wind conditions averaging 30 miles per hour. Climbing was impossible, but we hoped that the winds might die down, as they often do after the sun rises. The winds did settle a bit, but it was still completely unsafe to tackle the tower. Brackets were assembled and gear was stowed in the vault at the top of the mountain. We will have to take on the hill on another day.

We are striving to make the experience of our Club members as good as it can be, but sometimes Mother Nature wants to let us know who is in charge of the hill.

During the last month, a couple of great members of the MDARC community became silent keys. A very active member of the group over the last several years, Brian Campbell, K6BHC, passed away from cancer. Brian was active on many levels in the Club – from PACIFICON to Club meeting activities. Brian was a dear man with a great sense of humor and was a wonderful raconteur.

We also lost Art Silvers WS6T who was an active MDARC member through 2010. From his QRZ.com page, Art wrote, “First licensed as a novice in 1957, have lived in several call areas and have held as many different calls. While not operating, enjoy modest homebrew activities and have completed several QRP and ATV projects. Enjoy hiking and QRP in the outdoors and can sometimes be found in QRP contest pile-ups. As an ARES/RACES member, active in as many local repeater nets as possible. Most recently, favorite mode is SSB but CW, AM, FM, PSK31 and ATV have played major roles over the course of my amateur career.”

I want to remind all members of the value of our Club's Yahoo! Group. Please check out the MDARC group on Yahoo! We have great interactions and excellent support and Elmering for all things amateur radio. Don't be shy – check it out!

In mid February, I led a trip around Death Valley and its environs. We had 49 people packed into Jeeps and other off-road vehicles. This year we had 10 licensed hams in the group. I placed the hams at strategic locations from front to back in the snake of vehicles that we had. The 2 meter ham radios augmented the CB radios that each vehicle was required to carry. The ham radios really proved their value, because no matter how spread out the group, or how challenging the terrain through canyons – we were able to copy all traffic from the front of the group to the rear, and then the messages could be relayed via 11 meter CB. It was really a fine business. The only thing that required mental energy was ensuring that the correct microphone was used for the right radio.

This month, we have a terrific speaker at our March meeting. We have John Rabold K6SM. John is our ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator. He will be discussing the current state of ARES and how each of us can get involved. This is sure to be a very interesting presentation, and a lot of information can be gleaned by attending.

Our April meeting will be our annual Club auction. It's that time of year where you need to dig into your shack and find all those hidden gems that you are never going to use, but are sure to make another ham very happy – and your pocket book a bit fuller. More information to come but put the third Friday in April on your calendar now!

Until next time, I'll catch you down the logbook!

73, Jim Siemons AF6PU
President



AF6PU atop the Slate Range (between Searles Valley and Panamint Valley) making contacts through a repeater in Lancaster, CA.

Annual Auction

The MDARC annual auction will be held during our regular monthly club meeting on April 19, 2013. The auction process will be the same as last year. If you wish to participate in the auction, you will need a bidders card. Please pick up one when you enter the room and return it when you are finished at the end of the evening.

Buyers

Please show the **red side** of the card when bidding and display the number on the opposite side if you are the successful bidder.

Bids will be in increments of \$1.00 or more.

Payment will be by check or cash. Checks will be made out to "Cash". Credit cards will not be accepted.

Sellers

Before the meet, please determine how many item cards you will need. After you get your bidders card, we will provide you with the needed item cards. The seller number on the item card is the number from your bidder's card. If the item is being donated to MDARC, please enter 1 as the seller number. If you wish, you may print the item description on an Avery 5160 label. That can be applied directly to the item card. Please take the claim check from the bottom of the item card.

No item will have a starting bid of less than \$1.00

Sellers will be charged 10% of the selling price per item.

Sellers will be paid the evening of the auction. Sellers will not be for items until the buyer has paid. Sellers will be paid with both cash and buyer's checks.

Sellers are responsible for removal of unsold items.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

73,

Bill Swindell – K1LED@arrl.net



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Seminar Times...

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At 7-9 pm

The Salvation Army
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10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Concord Police Department
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W6CX Nets

Monday 7:00 pm Washington High School Net 147.060+

Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm General ATV Net 1241.250+

Tuesday 7:30 pm Fat City 10 meter USB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

FM 147.060 MHz + / PL 100Hz - EchoLink: W6CX-R /133896, IRLP: 3057
224.780 MHz - / PL 77Hz 441.325 MHz + / PL 100Hz

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<https://stn3057.ip.irlp.net/status.html>

ATV Input: 1289.25 MHz AM/FM. Outputs 1241.25 MHz AM 919.25 MHz AM

Contra Costa County Emergency Commu- nications Nets

Every Thursday

<http://www.coco-races.org/meetings/nets/>

6:35 pm HF Countywide 3.893 MHz LSB

6:45 pm West County 145.110-- (82.5 PL)

7:00 pm Central County 145.680 Simplex

7:00 pm East County 146.535 Simplex

7:00 pm South County 146.355+ (77.0 PL)

Concord Auxiliary Radio Emergency Service (CARES)

Wednesday 8:00pm 147.405 Simplex

March and April 2013 Club Calendar

Friday March 15, 2013	7:30 pm	MDARC General Meeting <i>Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette</i>
Saturday April 6, 2013	9:00 am	MDARC Technical Committee <i>Environmental Center, 2581 Harbor Street, Pittsburg</i>
Monday April 8 2013	7:00 pm	MDARC Board Meeting <i>Black Bear Restaurant, 700 Bancroft Avenue, Walnut Creek</i>
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